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Person-to-Person

Christmas preparations are being made for the homecoming of college students in many homes here. This will be the last Christmas, doubtless, that will see more homecoming students than those departing for other places. Helotes by next year will have its own college students in residence as UTSA in 1975 sends home its first campus students for the holidays.

Another sign of change is the burning and cutting of the massive and ancient oaks above Scenic Loop Road in preparation for widening Bandera Road to make it divided for several more miles.

Twenty-eight guests and members attended the Lions Club Thanksgiving Dinner at Fred and Mary's Helotes Inn. The turkey dinner was served in the ballroom.

Nadine Hartmann who was one of the founders of the Silver Belles was recently awarded a life membership. Mrs. Lucy Brown was also given an honorary membership. The Silver Belles will observe their Christmas festivities at the home of Louise Carpenter, with Babe Gilliam as co-hostess. A recent club guest was Lillian Stein, who has been honored in San Antonio for her Foster Grandparent role. Lillian was a long-time resident of Helotes and many children of the community enjoyed her friendship while she was associated with the Helotes Elementary School.

Buddy Steubing reports that hunting is attracting many sportsmen this year who are also taking their families along—instead of going it alone. Texas is attracting more out-of-state hunters this year also, he said.

Larry Wilkinson and his charming little daughter recently visited the Helotes Echo and exchanged stories about the past and future of this area, especially Ranchtown. He is active in recording data about the land which may someday have 80,000 citizens added to the few now there.

Trinity University's unique Four In The Attic Season will mount its second production—an expanded version of Samuel Beckett's "Endgame"—in the Ruth Taylor Theater's Attic Two, Dec. 4-14.

GREY FOREST COUNCIL OPPOSES GONZALEZ



Buddy Mills, Marshall student, bagged this 10-point native deer not far from his home near Braun Road. Hunters who have not been so successful are dropping by Toepperwein's Locker to compare notes and admire this excellent trophy.

Photo by Bill Terry

The City Council of Grey Forest in emergency session has gone on record by a 3-to-2 vote as opposing the "clean water" legislation offered by Representative Henry B. Gonzalez which has subsequently passed in Congress and is awaiting a signature or veto of President Ford.

The two members who abstained from voting on the Grey Forest bill explained to Mayor Ed Faust that they would have to have more data to come to a decision.

A storm of protest in Bexar County and the adjacent counties—where the great Edwards Underground water known as the Aquifer forms a huge, but largely unknown lake—broke over the head of the longtime popular Congressman. Even those who had applauded earlier "clean water" bills and seemed anxious to oppose San Antonio Ranch (New Town) on the edge of Helotes, have in many cases expressed doubts about the future of the several counties which overlay the aquifer. The bill—which would cut-off federal funds to any development deemed harmful and could adversely affect UTSA's growth, was called a bad case of overkill by one of the opponents.

The bill is designed to protect San Antonio's water supply, but is not based on proof that normal growth would harm the water quality.

San Antonio first tapped the Edwards water after George W. Brackenridge drilled a well for San Antonio a century ago. Before that citizens drank from the San Antonio River as the only supply.

Parachute Jump Scheduled

The community and visitors are invited to witness a parachute jump at Toepperwein Field, behind the well-known store, on Saturday, December 14, fifteen minutes either way of 2:30 p.m.

The Air Show will feature four jumps from a Cessna 182. This is not programmed.

Jumping will be Tech Sgt. (Ret) Rustie Ries and three active personnel. They are Tech Sgt. Frank Rodriguez, Major Don Hadden, who will jump with the flying cloud, a unique mattress parachute; Frank Rodriguez, and Larry Van Horn or a substitute.

The only payment will be enjoyment of the event, as there is no admission charge to the field.

Hadden and Van Horn are Army, Rodriguez is Air Force.

Informal parking allows for a good view.

A puppet show, "The Year Without a Santa Claus," will be presented at the San Pedro Library at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. All children are invited.

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- 16 gauge Savage single shot.
- 410 hammer action cut down to fit 10-year-old boy.
- Electroponic stereo tape deck, AM-FM receiver, 2 speakers (one faulty), turntable, headphones.
- 18" Montgomery Ward black and white TV with blue gray dust screen on front.

INFORMANT'S NAME WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED.

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Sirs:

Phone service in the Helotes area is usually an "on-again, off-again" affair. If a fire breaks out in the back bedroom, or my wife slips in the bathtub and breaks her left leg—I hope—when I reach for the phone—that it is working. Often it is not. Consequently, some residents out here—I understand—are considering the use of carrier pigeons.

Seriously, some of the disruptions are intolerable. During the month covered by my current bill (Oct.), we were without service on two occasions—each for appx. 24 hours. The disruption was due—I was advised—by cutting of cables by construction equipment.

As the disruption was not due to an "Act of God," I am deducting \$0.58 from my bill covering these two days. This prorated amount is based on our monthly rate of \$8.80. Your company, to be fair, should have voluntarily made this adjustment for its customers in this area.

To compound our problems—your operators—during the dead phone period, told several of our relatives and friends that our service had been discontinued. This—you will agree—is inexcusable. Our daughter, for example, realizing such information to be erroneous, had to contact your business office for the true facts. We urge corrective action to be taken to improve communication between your service dept. and the operators.

Phone service, especially in rural areas, is vitally important in event of fire, illness, or other emergencies. My action in deducting the

fifty-eight cents is solely for the purpose of bringing to your attention the need for improved phone service in this area.

Yours very truly,
G. W. Wooten

(Editor's Note: Mr. Wooten subsequently was allowed the 58c deduction.)

Helotes, Texas

To: Mayor Becker, city councilmen, and saving the best for last, city councilwoman, Mrs. Cockrell.

In regard to the hearings now being conducted by you with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, would you please ask the telephone company to consider two items. First, a credit plan for tardy telephone bills in cases where a customer's phone has been disconnected for non-payment. This would be in line, in my opinion, in cases where a customer's good payment habits prevailed prior to some problem that resulted in the disconnect. I believe that such a customer now must pay a restoration fee, he must also pay his overdue bill, plus two or three times his average monthly bill as a deposit. This could be a considerable amount. Shouldn't this type customer be permitted at least two, three, or four months to pay?

Second, I would like to see a "dial tone first" system modification on all pay telephones, in order that a customer could dial certain emergency numbers such as the operator, fire, police or the sheriff, or poison control center—without inserting a coin.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am one of your extra-territorial jurisdiction citizens—one who has certain restrictions and regulations imposed upon him without any representation on the city council. Therefore, I request your consideration of an ETJ city councilperson, with full voting rights. Or at the least, a fairer and more realistic annexation policy, such as one by precincts, or annexation only being allowed after the voters of both San Antonio and the residents of a particular precinct or precincts to be annexed vote in favor of such action, prior to annexation.

Patric McDonald

San Antonio

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the South Texas Vegetable Day Association, I want to thank you for helping us to publicize the Vegetable Day Show on Nov. 9th at the Joe Freeman Coliseum.

Thanks to your interest and cooperation, this year's Show broke all records—both in Grand Auction proceeds (a handsome total of \$24,395.00!) and crowd participation. This, of course, we attribute to the excellent coverage given us by the news media and by individuals who show true concern for non-profit-type functions such as the Vegetable Day Show.

I am not a professional Public Relations "person"! Therefore, I truly appreciated everything you did to make my job of advertising the Vegetable Day Show. I hope to do a better job next year because I learned most of my P. R. lessons the hard way!

Again, thank you for assisting me in publicizing this year's Vegetable Day Show.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ken Zeman, Publicity Director

San Antonio

Dear Lucy:

We have received the Nov. 15 issue of the ECHO with the UTSA campus countdown—10 months and counting.

It won't be long now!

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Janice M. Smith
Assistant Director

Dunford Injured

E. J. Dunford, Jr., who was injured seriously in a two-vehicle accident on the new segment of Highway 16 after he accidentally turned toward San Antonio on the northbound lane, has been released from the hospital. He suffered broken ribs and internal injuries in the noontime accident after he turned from Helotes Park Plaza without realizing that the two-lane temporary highway route had become one-way.

Receiving lesser injuries were Howard Schott and his son, occupants in the other vehicle.

E. J. Dunford, who is married and has a child, is the son of Mrs. Ella Dunford Berry. He was visiting her shop during his lunch hour just before the accident.

His many friends are pleased to note his progress in recovering.

Helotes Girl Picked For 'Who's Who'

Rebecca Ellen Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burns, Route 17, Box 159, is one of four San Antonio seniors at Trinity University selected to appear in Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Burns, a biology major, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chi, and Alpha Lambda Delta honor organizations. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau sorority and has served as chaplain in that group. She is a resident assistant and a member of Trinity's Chapel Choir, and a member of the American Chemical Society Affiliates. After graduation she plans to attend dental school.

Last year Miss Burns was awarded the Board of Women's Social Clubs award for the junior woman with the highest grade point average. She has a perfect 4.0 average. Miss Burns is a graduate of Marshall High School.

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Classes will meet Dec. 9 and 10, 7 to 9 p.m., Dec. 16 and 17, with range training Dec. 14 and 21, noon to 4 p.m.

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More than 380 members and their wives participated in the conference aboard the chartered vessel.

Between seminars, the Royal Viking Sea called at Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Kingston, Jamaica; and Nassau, Bahama, before return to Port Everglades, Florida. The all-first-class Royal Viking Line ships offer accommodations for approximately 500 passengers, with most having an ocean view.

Library Has 'Money' Books

With the cost of everything soaring these days, books at the San Antonio Public Library on how to manage money and stretch a dollar are being sought for advice.

One of the most recent guides to money management is Art Watkins' "Dollars and Sense: A Guide to Mastering Your Money," which gives practical advice on how to shop, borrow, lend, sell, lease, buy, negotiate, invest, save and spend.

Other helpful guides to managing money include "J. K. Lasser's Managing Your Family Finances," by the J. K. Lasser Institute; "The Money Book," by William Reddin; "You and Your Money," by Eliot Janeway; "Guide to Personal Finance," by Richard Stillman; "Going Broke and How to Avoid it," by Leonard Groupe; "Squeeze It Till the Eagle Grins," by Scott Burns; "Handling Your Money," by Anthony Scaduto; "How to Make the Most of Your Money," by Sidney Margolius; "How to Beat Inflation By Using It," by Donald Rogers, and "The Dollar Squeeze and How to Beat It," by George Sullivan.

Consumer buying is covered in Nikki Goldbeck's "The Supermarket Handbook," David Klein's "Supershipper," "Buying Guide," by the editors of Consumer Reports, Anthony Scaduto's "Getting the Most for Your Money," Sidney Margolius' "The Great American Food Hoax," David Sanford's "Who Put the Con in Consumer?," "The Consumer's Handbook," by the editors of National Observer, John Springer's "Consumer Swindlers, and How to Avoid Them," Mike and Marilyn Ferguson's "Champagne Living on a Beer Budget," and Ellen Williamson's "Spend Yourself Rich."

The library also has material on household budgeting, saving and investing, buying a home, insurance, and other related subjects.

Pianist Stephen Marinaro will appear as guest artist with the Trinity University Community Orchestra in its final concert Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

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The NISD Center is located at Jay High School, Rooms 219 and 220, Marbach Rd. Chief Examiner for the Center is Raymond Hill, Pease Middle School teacher and Adult Basic Education instructor.

Letta Mjohr flew to Tucson, Arizona for a Thanksgiving holiday with her sister, Ella Holden and her family. She reports the weather there was very nice.

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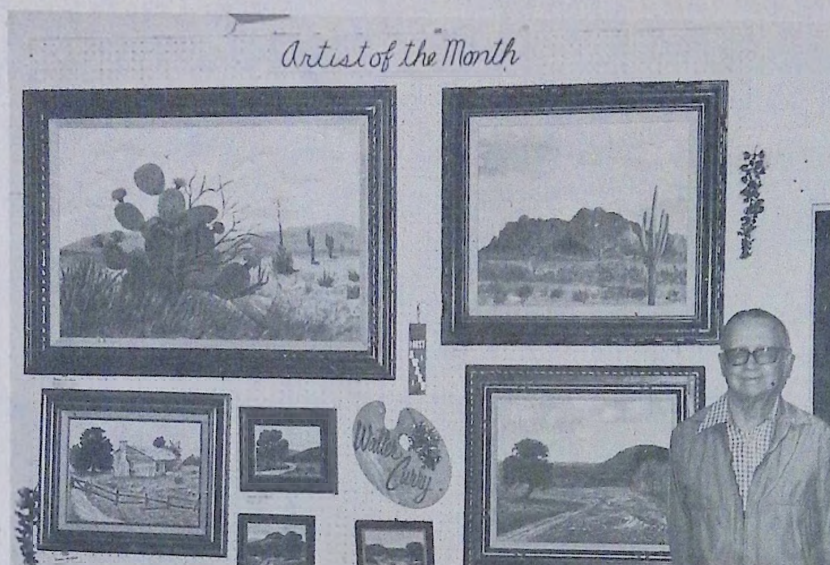
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Art Patrons Attend Show



The big annual Christmas Show and Sale at the Helotes Art Gallery features Walter Curry as artist of the month. Shown here is the popular artist with some of his Western landscapes.

Photo by Mike Barrett

Douglas Perkins Portrait Presented

A portrait of Douglas S. Perkins, former Marshall teacher was unveiled in the Marshall High Library on Nov. 14.

Mr. Perkins, who died June 2, 1974, sponsored the Marshall school newspaper, taught journalism, and sponsored the Student Council for 18 years prior to his death.

The portrait was painted by Marshall senior Guy Fountain, named city-wide Optimist teen for art excellence recently.

Attending the unveiling ceremonies were members of the Perkins family. Accepting the portrait for the school was John Turman, principal, Marshall High School.

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Christmas Plays Set

The Northside Council of PTA's, in conjunction with the drama departments of Holmes and Marshall high schools, will sponsor three children's plays for elementary students.

Holmes will present "The Tough and Tender Troll," while Marshall presents "The Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa Claus" and "The Liberated Dragon." The plays will start at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9, 10, and 11 at the respective high schools.



Photo by Mike Barrett

Despite the weather the first weekend saw many earnest art buyers. Here Steven Britz points out the painting he wants as his wife takes a final approving look.

IWC To Have Christmas Ballet

San Antonio, Tex. (IWC)—The student government association of Incarnate Word College is sponsoring the world premiere of the Christmas dance-drama, "The Blessed Night," on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11-12 at the College Auditorium.

Performances both evenings begin at 8:15 p.m. and all seats are reserved.

"The Blessed Night," created

by James DeBolt of the Festival Ballet of San Antonio, is based upon the 1948 choral work, "The Christmas Story," by Carl Orff. DeBolt and Ronald Sequoia are co-directors of the Festival Ballet Company.

For further information, call 828-1261, ext. 291.

'Holy Lands' Next For Travelogues

A color film of "The Holy Lands" will be the next San Antonio Travelogue, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. Dr. Charles Forbes Taylor, internationally known authority, will appear in person to narrate his motion picture at the Alamo Heights High School Auditorium, 6900 Broadway. Tickets will be available at the box office from 1:30 p.m.

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Pastors of five Helotes churches participate in the Community Thanksgiving Services held on the eve of the holiday at the Zion Lutheran Church. Shown here, left to right, are the Rev. Sam Terry of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church; Rev. Collin Furr of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, who preached the sermon on gratitude; Rev. W. C. Maddox of the First Baptist Church; Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S.M., of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; and Rev. Paul Probst of Zion Lutheran Church. The annual services are held in addition to special congregational services on Thanksgiving morning.

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Drug Abuse Prevention Teams Will Meet At Lost Valley

Eight new community drug abuse prevention teams for Amarillo, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Crystal City, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Galveston, and Robstown will attend a four-day workshop sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education at Lost Valley Ranch, Bandera, Dec. 12-15.

Conducting the workshop will be the USOE regional training center at Trinity University, San Antonio. Each team consists of five to seven persons who have volunteered to help develop drug abuse prevention programs to fit local needs in their communities.

Their training is funded by a grant from the U. S. Office of Education to a community agency in each city. Agencies represented are:

- Amarillo—Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.
- Beaumont—South East Texas Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.
- Corpus Christi—Coastal Bend Council of Governments.
- Crystal City—IMAGE of Crystal City.
- Del Rio—Mayor's Office, City of Del Rio.
- Eagle Pass—Citizens Participation Council, Inc.
- Galveston—Gulf Coast Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.
- Robstown—Familias Unidas.

All eight teams also attended an earlier training program at Lost Valley Ranch last summer, and are eligible for one year of specialized assistance from the San Antonio center.

Watercolors by artist Ivan McDougal will be on exhibit in the gallery area of San Antonio's Main Library during the month of December. Born in Lometa, McDougal attended school in Kerrville, and later Trinity University and the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He is on the staff at the San Antonio Light.

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School Board Will Meet Dec. 16

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northside ISD has been set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, at District Central Office, 5900 Evers Rd.

Patrons wishing to place an item on the agenda may contact Superintendent E. D. Cody one week prior to the meeting.

All children are invited to help make decorations and trim the Christmas Tree at the San Pedro Library on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. Brownie Troop No. 892 will sing carols. For further information call 733-1454.



TOP MEMBERS of the Marshall High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America, and their sponsors, include: front row, Peggy DeWinne, John Hausory, Stefan Lark, and David Mayfield; back row, Sponsors Joey Tomlinson, John Vasbinker, and C. E. Vickery.

3 FFA Teams To Go To State

Three Marshall High School FFA teams will compete in state leadership contests in Huntsville at Sam Houston State University, Saturday, Dec. 7. They will be the only three teams from the Alamo District.

The radio team includes Scott Patton, Phil Green, Dan Wyatt,

and Rick Lawrance.

The junior farm skills team includes Rene Tondre, Gary DeWinne, John LeBow, and Marsha Wallace.

The senior farm skills team includes David Mayfield, Peggy DeWinne, Carole Ettinger, Stefan Lark, and John Hausory.

All three teams won first place awards — and the sweepstakes award — in regional competition recently at Southwest Texas State University.

A fourth team, the senior chapter conducting team, took fifth place in region. They are Ricky Adams, Melvin McAnelly, Steve Cade, Ricky Martin, Loretta Persyn, David Kruckmeyer, Marcille Keeton, and Mike Turner.

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At 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 23, H. George Chaffin, President of First Bank, will present a \$500 check to Mrs. Dolores Tapia, Superintendent of the Children's Shelter, and the seasonal "CHRISTMAS MONEY TREE" will be raised to top the Bank's new 10-floor home, now being constructed at 6200 Interstate 10 at Park Ten.

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Christmas holidays for Northside Schools will begin after school, Dec. 20, and continue through Jan. 5. Classes will resume Jan. 6.

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Rep. Madla Speaks Here

State Representative Frank Madla, a native of Helotes, is shown as he visited here and spoke at the November P-TA meeting of Helotes Elementary School. He discussed legislative recommendations that he and his co-representatives are sponsoring. He is trying, he said, to work for busing of all children, even those living within two miles of the school.

Rep. Madla—the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madla, Sr.—brought smiles to many as he reminisced about school days here in Helotes Elementary.



Helotes Area Gets New Middle School

A new middle school near Braun Station subdivision will be substantially complete next fall, said T. E. McGuire, Northside associate superintendent for new facilities, in a recent report to the school district's building bond committee.

He was reporting on progress of school construction following approval by voters of a \$31 million bond issue in September, 1973.

The report included announcement that plans are being drawn for a fourth Northside high school although the site for it has not been picked.

The Braun Station middle school will be the nearest to Helotes. The new subdivision is located east of Braun Road between Highway 16

and Loop 1604.

Approximately \$16 million worth of bonds have been sold out of the \$31 million authorized by the voters, McGuire said.

Other construction projects underway include:

An addition and remodeling at Holmes High School, 80 percent complete; phase two at Pease Middle School to double its size, underway; addition to Sam Rayburn Middle School, in use; addition and remodeling program at Sul Ross Middle School, to be completed next spring.

Also athletic offices at Taylor Field House, in use; air conditioning for Field House Gymnasium, underway; new bus garage for the district, under

construction; new Central Administrative Offices, 5900 Evers Road, under construction; addition to Hobby Middle School, to be completed next spring; opportunity workshop for Mackey School, under construction; and new elementary school for DeZavala Road, under construction.

'Snowman's Ball' Set For Marshall

The Marshall High School Rams Band and Pep Squad will present a "Snowman's Ball," Dec. 14, in the Marshall High gymnasium. Admission will be \$3 per couple, with semi-formal dress, and live entertainment.

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The \$4,313,585 in pledges and contributions realized in the October-November campaign—10.2 per cent more than raised last year—will be allocated to 53 human care service agencies affiliated with the United Way.

Pat Legan, UW campaign chairman, said that the record-setting amount raised is a "significant increase over last year's result considering the economic conditions."

Funds allocated to United Way member-agencies for 1974, listed by type of service (funds for military agencies are raised solely at the military installations concerned).

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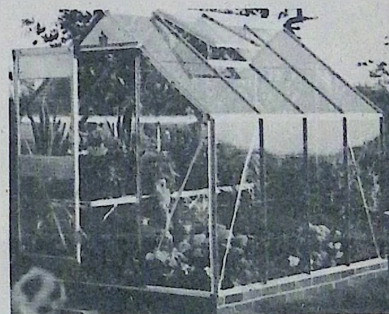
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